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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **two (2) months**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$450.00**.

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Also filed is a *Preliminary Amendment*.

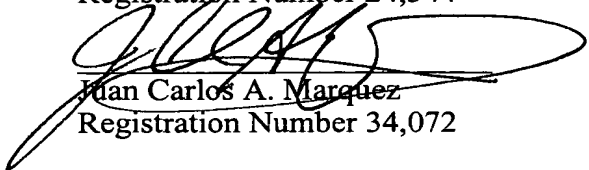
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